

## ATIONS READY TO AGREE ON PEACE

An Engagement at Sea, Said to Be the Greatest Naval Battle of the War Is Now Reported to Be in Progress.

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i conference, and after it was er a long cipher telegram was at to Constantinople. Rollewing the meetings it was introduced that another series of merchoes would be held to-wreve, at which the final plans the official opening of the made conference will be made, but let the Greek and Turket few were engaged in batter, bith land and sea was resisted by the delegates with gest interest, but none would entern upon it.

In spite of the advices telling the luctilities it is still execute that the Greeks will take in a the peace conference. It is reported that the Turks had cpared two drafts for submission to the Balkan, plenipotenties, one of which rejected the mace proposals of the allies, hile the other advanced a matter proposition. This report caused pessimism official circles, especially after was learned that the allies ould lasts upon Turkey's surgice of Adrianople, Scutari and adian, the three Turkish cities Europe uncaptured by the Balina allies. St. James Palace has sen placed in readiness for the inference.

The art gallery, where the negolations will be conducted, has an adorned with a long mahogeny table, at which the conferees ill sit.

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ARCHBOLD CASE

GENERAL AVERS EXPECTED TO BASE CLAIM ON ALLEGED

LA POLLETTE RENEWS DEADLOCK IN SENATE

OUT ON STRIKE

Upon the wall above the dele-gates, where they can easily see, is a big painting of the battle of Waterkoo, in which the horrors of war are realistically depicted. The scene shows the Old Guard charg-ing the English with the fields dot-ted with bodies of the dead.

NAVAL FIGHT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Special.—
A naval engagement, the first big sea fight of the Bakkan war, is raging between the Turkish and Greek fleets in the Agrean Sea to-day, secording to the Agrean Sea to-day, secording to this dispatch the Turkish fleet, which has been under preparation for histilities in the Dardanelles, and ed out against the concentral Greek fleet and gave battle the enemy.

A the commander of the Turk is fleet was under orders to annibilate, if possible, the marine forces of Greece, a terrific battle was expected.

ATHENS Special.—A Greek

ATHENS, Special.—A Greek army under General Sapoutjakis won a victory from the Turks at Pentepigadia today, driving the Ottoman forces from their camp and capturing a great quantity of arms, ammunition, tents and provisions.

Pentepigadia is in Epirus, about fifty miles southwest of Janima. The Greek forces made a concentrated attack, advancing all along the line:

The Turks drew off, leaving three quick-firing guns behind, which the Greeks captured and turned against the enemy.

As the Turkish forces retreated the Greeks advanced, continuing a hot fire from rifles and machine guns.

PAPERS CONFISCATED.
BERLIN, Special.— The Austrian government is taking drastic action to prevent the publication of its military secrets. The Prague Tageblatt and several other Bonendan newspapers were confiscated for publishing the details of the military and naval preparations along the shores of the Adriatic.

MAY HEAR ROUMANIA.
BUDAPEST, Dec. 13.—JustriaRungary is working to have Roumania admitted to the ambassadorist conference in London next

nania is insistent in her demands for territory for remaining neutral throughout the Balkan war, and Austria has counseled the Boumanian government that the only way it can meet with success is to have representation at the configuration. at the conference.

One National Wastefulness.

The inderwriters tell us that fires at this country about \$250,000,000 a ar and that the major portion of this as is easily preventable. The docturs I us the drain upon individual and thought resources occasioned by prentable sickness aggregates hundreds millions of deliars every year. The draitens tell as that our industrial eastlons are attended by preventable similions of deliars every year. The draitens tell as that our industrial eastlons are attended by preventable similions of foliars and the industrial eastlons are attended by preventable similions of selling which entail an anounce loss fully as great. The Detitions are attended by preventable and reactors for a sum of the sum of the sum of the sum of the country more than a madred million dollars a year and that are costs the country more than a sects rob us of sums fully as large, if is green. And now we are told inat a castle liek inflets a yearly loss or a hundred million dellars.

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## HORE SCANDAL IN POLICE QUARTERS

sessments.

In its report the jury said: "We would further report that the household and kitchen furniture as listed by the commissioners is perhaps valued at far less than one-half its cash value, and we believe, as a whole, that the commissioners have been very slack and neglectful of their duty whereby all of their shortage has been reported."

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The court entered an order that the report be certified to the commissioners of the revenue for the county, and they are directed to make up from this report a supplemental assessment on the books prepared and furnished the clerk by the Auditor of Public Accounts for that purpose and return and file same as required by law.

### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST OFFICER

RICHMOND, VA., Special .-

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—Charges of a serious nature against Henrico Officer D. L. Temple are today being officially investigated by County Sheriff Kemp. A formal charge of absence from duty without leave has been lodged against the officer. That, however, appears to be merely perfunctory.

The officer, according to information given out at the county courthouse, strangely disappeared last Saturday, and was not seen by any brother officer or by any member of his family until Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday Mrs. Temple, fearing that her husband had come to harm, notified Sheriff Kemp that he was missing and asked the sheriff to assist in finding him.

County Officer Tiller was assigned to aid Mrs. Temple. The missing man was found in a house on North Third Street. The gravest charges refer to his conduct immediately before entering this house, it is understood, and to his conduct while there.

# **WILSON RECEIVES**

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PROTECT LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—Extraordinary precautions will be taken by the United States secret service to guard the life of Woodrow Wilson when he is sworn in as President of the United States and thereafter. Few, if any, Presidents-elect have been threatened with death as often as he has, and, therefore, the Secret service will take no chances.

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WILLIP IN BATTLE

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in shaping the important legislation that is to signalize the Wilson administration.

This compromise will, it is now believed, result in the re-election of Senator Martin, of Virginia, as caucus chairman and therefore as Democratic floor sader. It will give Senator Simmons the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, but no seat on any other big committee, but no seat on any other big committee, it will give Senator Tillman the chairmanship of the Commerce or the Naval Affairs Committee, and if he takes the former it will give Senator Tillman the chairmanship.

JURY RETURNED NO INDICT.

The plan has been worked out in the interest of party harmony and to prevent factional fights at the outset of the new administration. As far as could be learned it has the approval of practically all the Democrats now in Washington who will sti in the new Senator, the first of the new Senators who will come in from private life on March 4th.

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virginia to the effect that the Democrats in the State Legislature are planning to retallate upon the Republicans for what happened two years ago and prevent, if possible, the election of a Republican United States Senator as the successor to Senator Clarence W. Watson, whose term expires next month.

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portant committee seats in favor of the new members and the younger Senators.

As the matter now stands, following innumerable cloak room conferences, the older Senators are prepared to content themselves with one important chairmanship aplece. They will also take a few second or third rate committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committees appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committees appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to all the important committee appointments and not seek reelection to the committee appointments and not seek reelection of sensitives. Theodore Roosevell arrived at situes, Theodore Roosevell arrived at the few newspaper men and his zon, Douglas Robinson, Colonial to the few newspaper men and his zon, Douglas Robinson, Colonial to the product of the few

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CDADO ACCURATE WILL

The parcels post goes into effect the first of the year. Next summer you can telephone your favorite farmer any morning to mail you a dozen of his beet reasting ears for dinner.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

It is to be observed that the New York man with a wife who hasn't spoken to him for eleven years, is not asking for a divorce. He knows a good thing when he has it.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

HOUSTON, VA., Special. The board of supervisors of Halifax held an extra session to consider, the smallpox situation in the county? Dr. H. B. Melvin, of the board of health, reported cases all along the North Caro ina line, at News Ferry, Scottsburg, South Boston, Meadville and ten or fifteen cases at Crystal Hill. He reported one death. In many instances the disease is in the most violent form.

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HALIFAX JURY DID EXCELLENT WORL

HOUSTON, VA, Special—The grand Jury which had been in sension for the part two weeks, making lowes the floor leadership or the chairmanally of this committee or share county, concluded their labors, filed raport and adjourned.

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The imperial chancelior ought to know that a position in the German diplomatic service will weigh as nothing when an American girl is on the other side of the balance.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

A large majority of the white peo-ple of the South think pretty much as Governor Blease thinks. If a secret vote were taken in Dixieland the Blease idea would outrun both Woodrow and Theodore, notwith-standing Old Granny Mann talks to the contrary.—Wise County News.

SMALLPOX SPREAD

Eeven Governors can be disobedient and unmannerly—none of the bunch went to the place as designated by Blease, but packed their grips and went to Washington, presumably to get through tickets without a stop-over.—Wise County News.

Now if somebody will just remove Mrs. Littleton and her great Monti-cello movement from out of the public leye we will have opportunity to glue